



In 1856, Gustav Langenscheidt (1832-1895) founded the famous dictionary publishing house, which employed the best philologists of his time. After his death, his son Carl headed the company. In 1901, Carl Langenscheidt (1870-1952) and his family moved into a country house on Colomierstrasse designed by the Master Builder of the imperial court and Castle Master Builder (kaiserlicher Bau- und Burgenbaumeister) Bodo Ebhardt. Later, Ebhardt made his mark as the architect of the Nazi castles of the Teutonic Order.

The Langenscheidt family is one of the few families in the Colonie Alsen that has managed to retain ownership of most of its property to this day. The house and the garden are under a preservation order.

From 1943 onward, Ruth Langenscheidt hid the ten-year old Jewish motherless boy Berti Busch here. At times, she also gave shelter to his father who survived the Nazi era in the Berlin underground. After the war, Mr. Busch made sure that Ruth Langenscheidt was honoured for her courage.

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